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Oarsman sprint for home, take time for a phone call with students

Early this morning the American Oarsmen posted a Tweet announcing they are in the last 48 hours of their row across the Atlantic Ocean, and at the time were about as far from port as Austin is from Houston. Tomorrow morning at 9:30, while they are still at sea, the three Texans who make up the team will talk via satellite phone with a group of students from Crockett Middle School, 2301 N. Conover. This group of students has been following the progress of the Oarsmen closely, and they will have to chance to ask questions about the crew's experience over the last month.

You may remember Ector County ISD partnered with the American Oarsmen on this journey – a 40+ day adventure rowing from the Canary Islands to Antigua, following the route Christopher Columbus rode to the new world. Before the team left one of the crew members took the time to Skype with our students and teachers about their preparations and what they expected from the race. They are part of this year's *Atlantic Challenge!* and are one of a dozen crews rowing across the ocean.

The relationship with the American Oarsmen is a product of our PICK Education initiative. PICK Education is intended to bring real-world science into our ECISD classrooms turning our students into citizen scientists and get them questioning the world around them. You can find more about PICK Education at www.pickedu.com and on Twitter & Facebook, @PICKeducation.

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